

10/550142
JC05 Rec'd PCT/PTO 21 SEP 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

New National Stage Application

Applicant	:	Daniel BUCK et al.
International Application No.	:	PCT/EP2004/002916
International Filing Date	:	March 19, 2004
For	:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING A FRICTION VALUE REPRESENTING FRICTIONS ACTING BETWEEN A ROAD AND VEHICLE TIRES
National Stage Application No.	:	To Be Assigned
National Stage Filing Date	:	Concurrently
TC/A.U.	:	To Be Assigned
Examiner	:	To be Assigned
Docket No.	:	8009-84419
Customer No.	:	42798

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop PCT
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

September 21, 2005

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

Attached is a Form PTO/SB/08 identifying each of the six (6) references cited in the International Search Report, copy enclosed, issued by the European Patent Office on July 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified International application. It is noted that identified reference DE 44 35 448 A1 is also cited and discussed on page 1 of the present application

10/550142

No copy of any of these identified references cited in the International Search Report is enclosed since copies are presumed to already be in the file due to having been forwarded by the European Patent Office as a result of an existing treaty. However, if no such copies of the references are in the file and a copy of one or both of these references is desired, please request a copy of the desired reference from undersigned counsel and it will be supplied.

The attached Form PTO/SB/08 additionally identifies two (2) German references, which are cited and discussed on page 1 and page 2, respectively, of the present application where their relevancy is explained, and one (1) Japanese reference, which is cited on page 2 of the present application where its relevancy is explained. A copy of each of these three references with English-language abstracts is enclosed.

Since all requirements for the filing of Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is requested that the Examiner consider all of the identified references and indicate such consideration by enclosing a properly initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 with the initial Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By: _____


Norman N. Kunitz

Registration No. 20,586

Telephone No. (202) 419-7000

Facsimile No. (202) 419-7007

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY
Suite 401L
1801 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006-1301
Telephone: (202) 419-7000
Facsimile: (202) 419-7007

PTO/SB/08a Substitute for Form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	To Be Assigned 10/550142		
		Filing Date	Concurrently		
		First Named Inventor	Daniel BUCK		
		Art Unit	To Be Assigned		
		Examiner Name	To Be Assigned		
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket	8009-84419

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ²			
		US-5,862,503	10-19-1999	Woersdoerfer et al.	
		US-6,050,126	04-18-2000	Miyazaki	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵				
		DE-37 05 983 A1	09-10-1987	Volkswagen AG		
		DE-43 00 048 A1	10-06-1994	Mercedes-Benz AG		
		DE-44 35 448 A	04-20-1995	Volkswagen AG		
		DE-197 54 162 A	03-25-1999	ITT MFG Enterprises		
		JP-11-248438	09-17-1999	Omron Corp.		
		DE-199 11 525 C	09-28-2000	Robert Bosch GmbH		
		DE-101 26 459 C	01-16-2003	DaimlerChrysler AG		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08b Substitute for Form 1449B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Application Number	To Be Assigned
				Filing Date	Concurrently 10/550142
				First Named Inventor	Daniel BUCK
				Art Unit	To Be Assigned
				Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
				Attorney Docket	8009-84419
Sheet	2	of	2		

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.